

The ^{Banana} Benders ^{June 2011} BUGLE



Join us for the
SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QLD INC.
54th SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP
incorporating the
QCA GALA DANCE
(AMATEUR CALLERS CONTEST)
on
SATURDAY 27th AUGUST 2011
at the
ALBANY CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ERNIE STREET, ALBANY CREEK

Session Times

Afternoon: 1.00 - 4.00
Evening: 7.00 - Rounds
7.30 - Squares

**EVENING INCLUDES
DRESSED SET / BANNER PARADE
AND OFFICIAL WELCOME**

Admission

Afternoon - \$ 8.00
Evening - \$ 10.00
(Students - Half Price)

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE
FOR SUPPER**

All Enquiries & Caller / Cuer Registrations - Please register by 27th July 2011

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~ **LOOKING FORWARD** ~
~ **LOOKING BACK** ~
LEGACY ~ RESPONSIBILITY ~ DESTINY

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

SENIOR SUPERSTARS is up and running, with the auditions already held at a great location- the Cascade Court at QPAC, South Bank.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team had a pre-run in the Channel TEN Evening News the night before, featuring in a nearly two and a half minute segment, with Clogging being given not quite two minutes of wonderful airplay to a viewing audience of between 500,000 and 600,000. Channel TEN and ourselves were very pleased with viewer feedback.

Heats will be held at venues all over Brisbane.

Wish us luck as we go through the rounds and (hopefully) into the Final.

What a day was Saturday 21st May at Chug-A-Lug Cloggers, Greenslopes, as members and their many friends packed the Greenslopes Red Cross Hall to celebrate the Club's 24th Anniversary.

Wonderful to see the many dancers who travelled long distances to join us.

Lots a fun and great dancing at all levels with beaut cueing.

Thanks to Shirley, Royale and their team of helpers for setting up the Hall and making the tables groan with gastronomic pleasure from the super variety of food for lunch which energised us for the afternoon's dancing.

Still getting enquiries for the ACA 16th National Clogging Convention in Cairns, first weekend of July this year. Carol on (07) 4033 7686 is the Registrar, and will advise you about registration and accommodation options. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Take a step in the right direction- Start CLOGGING!

Best wishes,

Frances

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SUNCOASTERS

Kay called for the Suncoasters masked dance on Saturday 30 April which was well-attended and some of the masks were quite beautiful and others were "eye-catching". Kay continued to call Plus for us on Monday nights, and Gary our co-caller was there for our regular workshops and dances on Saturdays apart from 30th April. After our brainstorming session in February we provided survey forms for members, but unfortunately the return rate was very disappointing and we are no further along. While Bev was away, Shirley stepped in and helped our beginner round dancers, and we hope that this will continue through the year. We're all looking forward to our 41st birthday bash at the end of May when a free barbeque is being provided, followed by our regular dance. But most of our attention is being spent on the upcoming August 5-7 Anniversary Weekend when Nev and the Mills Brothers will be calling, with Bev as our round dance cuer. (See ad. in this month's Bugle.)

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Our learners are still enjoying their lessons. We have 5 learners on a Friday night and 4 on a Thursday afternoon.

Our Black Friday Dance was held on Friday 13th May. Members got into the spirit by dressing in black.

Each year we hold a dance for heart, and the proceeds of the night are donated to our local Heart Support. This year we had 98 raffles and donated \$336 to Heart Support.

Guest Call Michael Mills from Rockhampton will be in Bundaberg on 4th and 5th June, and calling for us at Cane Country Squares.

The afternoon program for Saturday, 4th June, at the Norville Hall, Maynard Street, is 2 pm – 4.30 pm Plus.

Saturday Night 7 pm Rounds, followed at 7.30 pm with Basic, and Mainstream.

Sunday morning from 9.30 am there will be Rounds at the Rum City Hall, in Targo Street. Further information 'phone Shirley 41592308.

Averil Brookes

Cane Country Squares, Bundaberg.

Allemander Rounds

Monday Jimboomba and Thursday Calamvale are progressing well with Tango and Jive, with the more advanced groups continuing with more of the Convention rounds. Wednesday Calamvale has also been busy, learning some IV+ dances and the Mambo that came back with us from America. Our trip there, although short, was an incredible experience – meeting and dancing, and even time for some sightseeing.

We recently hosted the afternoon teaching session and May dance, with a Hesitation canter Waltz taught during the afternoon. Although it is a little different, getting our heads round the different timing proved the hardest part of the dance.

The evening dance again proved popular with some 30 couples enjoying a mixed level of dancing.

Valentine Rounds

Masked Ball

Saturday June 25 7.30 pm.

Whites Hill State College Hall,

Samuel St. Camp Hill

**Enquiries to Val and Ken
3275 1558**

CARINA CAROUSELS

ARE TURNING NINETEEN

PLEASE COME TO

THE SENIORS' HALL

AT 1 EDMUND STREET

CARINA

AT 1PM ON 14TH JULY

TO CELEBRATE.



A PLATE TOWARDS
AFTERNOON TEA
WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

Wednesday Nights at Gumdale

The "Thinking" Dancer's Delight

This year the Club asked our caller, Alan Evans, to "up the ante" of Wednesday night dances in terms of difficulty.

Now, for Alan, that is akin to asking an alcoholic if he would like free booze. The result is that, despite the reasonable competence of most dancers, squares soon look like London after Blitzkrieg - bodies everywhere as if shot at random from a cannon. This potpourri is, of course, a consequence of a smorgasbord of moves (none of which were called). Alan's attempts to zero the squares met with a further series of random manoeuvres (none of which were called), until finally we hear the oft repeated "Well, go home yourselves. There are some things I cannot fix."

Seriously though, this is a superb night for those who like intellectual stimulation while dancing. When a square gets through a call unscathed, it gives dancers a real sense of achievement not found in routine dancing. If you shut your eyes, you can almost see the ghost of Hercule Poirot revelling in the extension of "the little grey cells", his clumsy Belgian feet keeping time with the music and finger pointing in admonition at Alan as he says, "You thought you could deceive everybody but you can't fool Poirot."

By Kevin Mahoney

(An article from The Gumdale Grandsliders May Newsletter)

There is a request to any club/caller/individual who may have Square dance promotional fliers left over to let me know. I would like to collect them for the community day in August when we will have a good opportunity to promote.

David Pearce.

"Shindig on the Mountain"

21st to 23rd October 2011

A positive attitude may not solve all problems but it will annoy enough people to make it worthwhile.

J Taviani

Redlands Heritage Festival

On the 1st May Redlands Museum, in conjunction with the local Council, held its inaugural Heritage Festival. They invited many local groups with a link to the past to participate. Gumdale was contacted and accepted the invitation.

Just less than three squares of eager dancers performed at two morning sessions at the Cleveland Showgrounds. Despite the relatively early morning, at the first demonstration the on-lookers enjoyed the performance, especially when Alan included the young members of the vocal group who were "waiting in the wings", in the final hoedown. The second session not only featured Alan Evans but also Peter Story and Gene Medford.

Gumdale Grandsliders would like to thank all who attended, dancers and supporters, both from Gumdale and other Clubs, and of course special thanks to our callers who gave of their time to share their love of square dancing with the local community in the Redlands.

We were able to hand out leaflets at the event advertising the benefits and joys of square dancing and listing all the local Clubs and their contact details. We can see that this event could become an annual affair and an opportunity to showcase square dancing.

Marg Ford

Secretary, Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club Inc.



INTERNATIONAL BALL

**Come dressed
from your
favourite
COUNTRY**

Wed.13th JULY

At 7.30pm

RAFFLES

DOOR PRIZES

A Plate would be appreciated



Caller: Alan Evans

Guest Callers Welcome



Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club Inc

Alexandra Hills Community Hall,

Finucane & Windemere Rds Alexandra Hills

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SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

I am pleased to inform all that the money raised for dancers who suffered as a result of the recent floods has been distributed to eight applicants with all receiving an equal share. The recipients came from Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Ipswich. If you helped in any way you can give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

This inaugural AGM Dance was originally intended to be a fund raiser for the Society but the eventual outcome was much more rewarding to all concerned.

A short time back I stated that the Society had missed out on receiving a grant from the Community Benefit Funds Unit. I was wrong. I spoke too soon. We have received a grant of \$9025 to produce a DVD to help promote Square Dancing.

A first draft of a libretto for this venture is being considered at this time. The production aims to debunk a lot of the fallacies about our activity and to emphasise the Friendship factor, the Fun and the Physical and Mental activity that is available in Square Dancing. There is a large amount of work to complete this idea. The product should be available for use in the New Year.

The Society Executive passed a motion to have 10,000 pamphlets produced to advertise our activity. I have held off a little to see how a similar project is going in NSW.

As you can see from the front page of this publication the RoundUp is well under way. I hope all available dancers will attend. The theme, "Looking Forward - Looking Back" conjures up some interesting thoughts.

The Society's Christmas Party is well into the planning stage and promises to be a very enjoyable occasion.

The Society will be holding a Management Committee meeting in Geebung during August. Individual Member of the Society are welcome to attend. More in the next BBB.

Finally I wish to remind all that June is the month to join or renew your membership of the Society. \$5 goes to insure the individual to, at and from a square dance event. The remaining \$5 goes to the Society. Improving membership numbers encourages Committee members who are working for all Queensland dancers. Membership costs the equivalent of two coffees and a scone. Surely this activity is worth that. Please consider being a member of the Society.

Noel Miller, President of the Square Dance Society of Qld.

Valentine Rounds

Club nights (Tuesday and Friday) are being enjoyed by the dancers and we continue to have enjoyable nights of dancing.

Tammy and Rick have willingly taken up the slack and are now producing the QRDA newsletter which will be available as a link from the QRDA website and sent to you, either in pdf format or by snail mail. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated- photos, comments, stories and even recipes and anecdotes.

The QRDA website is: www.rounddanceqld.com

Update Ch.a.o.s. 'PLUS' Class 2011

Starts Monday 4th July

Teaching; 7pm to 8pm. Then alternating

brackets with "Full" 'Plus' to 9-30 pm.

Cost \$6-00 {supper included}

Must be a Competent Mainstream Dancer!

Regular attendance is very important.

Deception Bay Community Hall

Ewart Terrace, Deception Bay.

Enquiries > Gary Petersen; 0403 240 129

Gumdale Grandsliders 24th Birthday Dance.

This was a roaring success. Dancers were greeted with a striking birthday poster behind the stage and the hall was beautifully decorated – thanks to all concerned.

Poor Joy started the night off badly when someone trod on her foot – sorry Joy. However, she gamely danced on. ***Square Dancers don't go down easily.*** We had about 8 squares on the floor. The club was happy to see friends who, while not up to dancing, enjoyed the night and were very welcome.

We were fortunate to have 3 guest callers. **Graham Brandon** had us clapping to his special birthday song and was in top form. **Gene Medford**, with his caressing Caribbean tones added a different flavour. **Peter Storey** reminded us of how the Queen's English should be spoken in his well modulated singing call. We gave **Carole Mackinney** a break from calling and she was able to enjoy the night dancing with her husband Fred.

Our own **Alan Evans** was his usual “cheery chappie” self.

What a caller! How lucky are we to have this amazing man! After a trial run at Logan, he had the computer up and running and apart from a small hiccup, all was well. There were a few anxious flutterings from the floor by Aaron but there was no cause for alarm.

The birthday cake was cut by Dawn who has assisted the Club for many years. Supper was wonderful and, as usual, Mavis's cream horns were a hit. Charles diverted from his customary scones and gave us a colourful Mexican dip. Don't give up the scones though Charles. We love them too. So good was the supper, that Kevin was persuaded to stay on after his self-imposed curfew and enjoy some with us. Good on you, Kevin. The evening ended late and with a bang (bangs) as balloons were popped.

Thanks to Harold, Bev, the Committee and to all those who attended for making the night such a success. ***What a night!***

by Fay Moore

An article from The Gumdale Grandsliders, May Newsletter.

NOTICE

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees are now due for renewal for the period 1 July 2011—30 June 2012. Payment may be deposited directly into the Society's Bank of Qld.

Account Details: Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc

BSB 124001 A/c 90067868.

Please ensure your (names) & club is (are) on the banking slip.

OR

Cheques or money orders payable to Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc & mailed to Qld. Society Registrar

Harold Liley

73/43 Mond St.

Thorneside 4158



Rambling Eights



CHRISTMAS in JULY DANCE

FRIDAY 22nd July

ST PIUS ~ Golda Ave. Salisbury

COME ALONG !! YOU ARE WELCOME !!

The fun starts 7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

Admission \$6.00

Visiting Dancers need not bring supper however any contributions will be appreciated

Visiting Callers and Cuers are Welcome

Salad Bowl Squares:

A Gourmet's Delight.

The theme for May's last Friday night of the month dance was a great success, especially once Charles, Salad Bowl's President, understood the theme for the night was "Dress up **for** Gourmet Finger Food" and not **as** finger food. *Good one Charles!* (We needed to hold this a week earlier due to the Qld Convention being held at the end of May.)

Everyone was elegantly attired in keeping with the theme, and one of the highlights of the evening was when each of our new Club members was presented with the distinctive Salad Bowl Squares name badges.

Kay, as usual, kept all levels of dancers from Beginners to Plus challenged with 'left' calls. Her choice of music is always pleasing.

The evening concluded with a delightful array of gourmet foods: from asparagus rolls, mouse traps, salmon crepes, quiche, pates, cheeses, dips and so many other tasty delights, finishing with dark chocolate or truffles or both and a restful sit down and chat. It was lovely to have to bring out more tables than usual to accommodate everyone. (Our next special night will be on the 24th June when we celebrate our 41st Birthday. See advertisement.)

By Margaret Ford, Hostess

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

HERVEY BAY SQUARES

What a wonderful time the Hervey Bay Square Dancers are experiencing this year. To-date we've had David Smythe for our Graduation Night in April and Kay Walker in May. We all love inviting various callers to our regular Socials on the first Saturday of the month. (We dance PLUS in the afternoon and then MS from 7pm till late.) David Smythe graduated 4 new dancers who are now enjoying regular dancing with us. Samantha was at the helm and with the use of our teaching CDs and the help of many angels did a mammoth teaching job.

At the graduation we also recognised our 5 PLUS graduates, ably put through their paces by Daphne, who probably has a few more grey hairs, but I'm sure she'll agree it was all worthwhile. Hervey Bay now has 2 squares of PLUS dancers capable of mixing with the best of them.

Since our AGM we have a new President, Coraleen, with Tony as back up, Treasury is now shared between Janice and Jean, and secretarial work is still done by Doreen and Samantha. We wish to thank these ladies and gent for the efforts they put in every week to see our Club runs smoothly. To other Club members who volunteer with doing the music, help with supper and generally lend a hand where needed, also a big thank you.

Four of us went down to Lake Haven and were amongst 476 others to help celebrate Brian Hotchkies' 50 years of calling. Congratulations to Brian on a wonderful 50 years. We have many of his CDs and enjoy dancing to his calling every week, together with the other excellent callers in our library.

Now we are looking forward to Toowoomba and Darwin. What a busy time us Square Dancers have and what a brilliant opportunity it provides to socialise and see the country. Till we catch up at dancing, keep well and enjoy.

Glenda
Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.
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Burleigh Squares Birthday Dance

Venue:- **Maheer Hall 42 Matilda Street,
Burleigh Heads**

Date:- 16th July 2011

Time:- 7pm - 10pm

Caller:- Alan Evans

"Shindig on the Mountain"

Callers; Gary Petersen and Friends

21st to 23rd October 2011

Friday Night; 7-30 > 10-30pm "Fun Friday (Casual)

Sat. Morning; 10 to 12 noon "Back to Basics"

Sat. Arvo; 'Plus' 2 > 5pm; 5-30pm. BYO Basket Dinner

Sat. Night; 7-30 > 10-30pm "Mainstream Ch.a.o.s."

*** 10-30 ish > ? * B.Y.O. "Shindig After Party"**

Sunday; 9-30 to 12-30pm

"Singalong Sunday" (casual)

Bottomless Tea, Coffee, Cold Water;

Bikkies

Dress Code; 50% Casual; 50% Square Dance

Weekend Tickets only \$20 (Prepaid); OR \$25 at Door

Saturday Only Ticket \$12 (Prepaid); or \$15-00 at Door

**** P.S. Bring your spare change for our Saturday Raffle !!**

Closest Motel > Twin Lakes Motel ph 07 5482 5433

Registrations; G.W. Petersen P.O. Box 96 Burpengary 4505

or email; gary@garoyda.com.au (include Deposit Receipt No.)

Please make Cheques payable to G.W. Petersen.

Direct Deposit:- BSB 064473; Acc 10216369 (use name as reference)

Name/

s: _____

Ticket/s Req.> W/E @ \$20 X ____; Saturday @ \$12 X ____;

N.B. Tickets to be collected at Door Friday or Saturday

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre's

260 Dixon Road, Buderim, Queensland.

26th Anniversary Dance August 5th - 7th 2011

featuring

"Nev McLachlan & The Mills Brothers"

Round Dance Cuer Bev McLachlan

DANCE TICKET PRICES Full Week-end \$ 28.00

Session \$ 8.00 Each Session available at the door

PROPOSED PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY	7.30 pm	Welcome Dance (MS)
SATURDAY	12.30 – 4.30 pm	Plus with "A" brackets and Rounds
	7.00 - 7.45 pm	Rounds
	7.45 - 10.30 pm	Mainstream
	10.30 pm	After Party – Camp fire and Entertainment with Gene Medford
SUNDAY	12.30 – 4.30 pm	Mainstream with Plus brackets and Rounds

BOOK & PAY EARLY - limited powered sites available for your caravan, camper or tent.

Camping Costs are additional to dance tickets. For registration and reservation for sites contact:-

Nev & Bev McLachlan

Phone (07) 5445 1238, **Fax** (07) 5445 6742, or write PO Box 248 Buderim 4556,

Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

HOW TO BE A GRACIOUS BITCH

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement - not even her parent's nasty divorce.

Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever!

A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother!

Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused. "Absolutely not! I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day."

A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother.

When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it."

Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear....I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night BEFORE the wedding."

Women are like phones: They like to be held, talked to, and touched often-

But push the wrong button and your a** is disconnected!

Women are Angels.

And when someone breaks our wings....

We simply continue to fly on a broomstick..... We are flexible like that.



SALAD BOWL SQUARES



BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

JUST A WEE MESSAGE TO MAKE YOU AWARE

TO COME TO OUR

41ST BIRTHDAY BASH

IF YOU DARE

YOUR SALAD BOWL FRIENDS CORDIALLY INVITE



ALL FELLOW SQUARES TO OUR KNEES-UP

SO COME AND FROLIC

with KAY WALKER

AND THE GANG

AT 19 STATION STREET. WELLINGTON POINT.

FRIDAY THE 24TH. JUNE 2011. AT 7PM.

(A SUPPER PLATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED).

THE POTTY

A little three year old boy is sitting on the toilet. His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up. The little boy is sitting on the toilet reading a book but about every 10 seconds or so he puts the book down, grips onto to the toilet seat with his left hand and hits himself on top of the head with his right hand.

His mother says: "Billy, are you all right? You've been in here for a while.

Billy says: " I'm fine, mommy.. I just haven't gone 'poopie' yet."

Mother says: "Ok, you can stay here a few more minutes but Billy, why are you hitting yourself on the head?"

Billy says: "works for ketchup."

I know you believe you understand what you thought I said. But I am not sure you realize that what you thought you heard is not what I meant.

So after landing my new job as a Bunnings greeter, a good find for many retirees, I lasted less than a day.....

About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

As I had been instructed, I said pleasantly, 'Good morning and welcome to Bunnings. Nice children you have there. Are they twins?'

The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, 'Hell no, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just stupid?' So I replied,

'I'm neither blind nor stupid, Ma'am, I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Bunnings.'

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.

2011 Qld Square Dancing Events

9-13 June	52nd Australian National Square Dance Convention 2011 in Darwin
24 June	Salad Bowl Squares 41st Birthday Party Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899 diannestrangle@ymail.com
2 July	Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617 kmeyerco@big.net.au
9 July	Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance Enq: Jane 3299 7717 cysquare@optusnet.com.au
8-10 July	Rocky Twirlers 14th Birthday Dance Rockhampton Enq: Michael (07) 4928 6626
13 July	Gumdale Grandsliders International Night Ball Enq: Harold 3207 3577 harold.liley@bigpond.com
16 July	Burleigh Squares Birthday Dance Enq. Sue (07) 3472 5556
22 July	Rambling Eights Christmas In July Enq: David & Faith 3263 1408
23-24 July	LCSDC Plus and A Level Weekend Enq: Jane Rayner 3299 7717
23 July	Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club Xmas in July Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617 kmeyerco@big.net.au
29 July	Salad Bowl Squares Soup and Damper Night Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899 diannestrangle@ymail.com
30 July	Pine Rivers Senior Citizens Christmas In July Enq: Margaret 3285 2130 or Jan 3385 9947 jan4910@gmail.com

Convenors Sigh of Relief!!

WOW! It's over!! The 31st State Convention has come and gone. I must say it was very nice to be 'Home on the Range'. I could not have hoped for things to go any smoother, everything fell into place nicely.

I would like to thank Helen Hawkey and Bill McHardy for their assistance in the early stages of planning for the Convention. A Big Thanks to my small Committee that stuck by me to the finish, Jan and Malcolm Hay, Margaret Baines, Kate Brown and Russell Wall without your support I would not have got through.

A Very Very Special THANK YOU to Jeanette Lowick who manned our Canteen all weekend with her partner Bill and provided the dancers with Superlative Home Made Suppers both Friday and Saturday Evenings. Jeanette also Catered for the 'Official Luncheon' on Sunday and again her efforts were appreciated with loud applause.

The standard of the Calling was great all weekend, a few hiccups with the sound on Friday but it got better as the Weekend went on. Thanks to all of the dancers who supported the 31st State Square Dance Convention in Toowoomba.

Sincerely, Gary Petersen

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, fishing.... always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a few minutes. When I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

"When you finish cutting the grass," I said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalk." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

Rambling Eights – “Ramblings”

While David and Barbara kept the dancers happy with calls that created smiles and fun, Pizza Capers were cooking up supper for us.

The occasion was our first club “Pizza Night”. We ordered a variety of gourmet pizzas that were delivered right on time to the hall. Faith supplied large platters of fresh fruit that complimented the pizzas and created a scrumptious supper. We are now looking forward to our “Soup Night” later in the year.

Four squares came along for the dancing and the supper and they were not disappointed in either activity. It was great to see visiting dancers from other Clubs join us for the night. I’m reliably informed that it wasn’t just the Pizzas that encouraged them to attend. Good to see you!

Barbara’s calling is coming along in leaps and bounds. She seems to gain confidence each time she picks up the microphone. Her hoedowns and singing calls bring fun and pleasure to the dancers. It is rewarding to see her hard work and dedication to learning to become a caller resulting in presentations that the dancers enjoy so much.

This Month Mary Watkins and Peter Lecons celebrate a birthdays. Very soon one of our stalwarts, John van Zanten, has let out a secret that his next birthday will be a “Significant” one. Do we see another party night coming up?

Dancers who attended the “50 Years of Calling by Brian Hotchkies” had a memorable experience. Callers from WA and NSW were joined by Al Stevens from Germany. Dancing was challenging and loads of fun as the callers combined basic moves with unusual formations and positions. Congratulations, Brian!

Dancers are looking forward to the Qld. State Convention in Toowoomba. (At the time of print we will have enjoyed the atmosphere and warm welcome of the organising committee).

Christine and Kevin are heading for the National in Darwin. They have taken on rolls on the organising committee and expect the weekend to be a success. Many of us have been to Conventions before, but never before to the Great Northern Territory.

Plans are in hand for our Christmas in July party night. Rambling Eights has run Christmas in July nights for a number years and welcome visiting dancers and callers to these nights. (Please see our adv. elsewhere in the Bugle).

The committee that is planning the Society Christmas Party in November has booked St. Agnes Hall at Mt. Gravatt. We have inspected the facilities and are now planning all the aspects needed to run a successful Christmas Party.

Happy Dancing,, David & Faith

A question that was posed to the Dalai Lama:

“What thing about humanity surprises you the most?”

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His answered: “Man..... because he sacrifices his health in order to make money; then he sacrifices his money to recuperate his health.

And then he is so anxious about the future that he doesn't enjoy the present, and as a result he doesn't live in the present or the future.

And he lives as if he’s never going to die, and then he dies having never really lived.”

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband.

Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger...

Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!! Gotta love that fairy!

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey."

Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said; "Never mind, I found one."

STEPPING OUT IN STYLE !!

Good styling is smooth dancing Smooth dancing is Good Styling!

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Courtesy Turn. Ladies, are you careful to offer the gentlemen your left hands palm down for courtesy turns? Gents, are you aware that the courtesy turn has its pivot point between the two of you, and as she walks forward, you will actually back up? Remember, in the "Right & Left Thru," after the right-hand pull by, all that is left is the Courtesy Turn, so, ladies, be sure your left hand is held out with the palm down. If you aren't working together, this move will frequently become a "pushing & yanking contest!"

In the Ocean Wave, we are all aware that arms should have elbows bent, fingers up toward the sky and palm together. We remind you not to take hold of the other's thumb; rather, your thumb goes lightly around the back of the other's hand. Now!!...since we have the position right, on the "Swing Thru" or "Fan the Top," use a little pressure in the handhold to aid with the turn. This will help you and your fellow dancer. A limp hand or arm, i.e., "dead fish" handhold, during any maneuver like this is a real handicap and certainly no joy-for the other dancers.

In Promenades, you are not walking but, rather, taking smooth, effortless gliding steps in which the ball of the foot touches and the slices across the surface of the floor before the heel is gently dropped to the floor. The length of stride should be fairly short with the movement coming mostly from the knees down. Each dance step must be coordinated with the beat of the music. If you find yourself getting behind, close up the square when promenading so that you get home on time. It's surprising just how BIG some squares get on a promenade!!

With the "Half Sashay," and not "Rollaway with a Half Sashay," the one in the lady's position or the right-hand person slides left while the left-hand person steps back, then to the right, and forward to complete the call. The "Rollaway with a Half Sashay" is most widely used today, where the lady rolls across to the left as the gent side-steps to take her former position. Men, a slight firm assist with the right hand helps start the move; then quickly let go and take her right handed with your left hand. Never, ever, is there any pulling or "slinging" the lady across!!

Hands, in all cases, should never be used to jerk or yank!! They serve as guides, and support. Hands are important in square dancing, and the smooth dancer is one who has discovered how his or her hands may be helpful in making the motions of the dance more comfortable for the others with whom he or she dances.

Arm Turns. With any arm turn using a forearm hold, don't make it a grip; the pressure of the palm on the inside of your partner's forearm is all that is required. Men, you have the advantage in strength...don't man-handle the ladies!!

At the completion of any movement, immediately extend your hands and take the hand(s) if those standing next to you. This will help you to see the formation you are in (line, wave, etc.) For correct square orientation. If you become completely lost, do not turn around; this will make it difficult for someone behind you to help you recover. Do not wander around. Stay in place until someone helps you-and be ready to respond quickly. Pointing to a place someone should be in is far better than talking (or shoving!!), as you and others in the square may miss the next call. If you have executed a call correctly, do not let someone who is unsure of their position make you change yours! Remember!..."Tis better to have goofed and recovered than never to have danced at all!!

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